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SUBJ: HAITI OBSERVATEUR WRONG AGAIN

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS HAITI OBSERVATEUR RECENTLY ALLEGED THAT GUY MALARY, FORMER LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE NATIONAL BANK, WAS ARRESTED AT THE AIRPORT AND TAKEN TO CASSERNES DESSALINES ON JULY 29.

2. THE FACTS:

A. MALARY WENT TO THE AIRPORT ON JULY 29 PLANNING TO FLY TO MIAMI ON BUSINESS. HE HAD EARLIER OBTAINED AN EXIT VISA FROM THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE.

B. HIS PASSPORT WAS SEIZED AT THE AIRPORT BY AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER. THE OFFICER COULD PROVIDE NO EXPLANATION OTHER THAN THAT MALARY'S NAME WAS ON A LIST OF PEOPLE WHOSE PASSPORTS ARE TO BE SEIZED.

C. MALARY WAS NOT ARRESTED AT THE AIRPORT OR ANYWHERE ELSE.

D. MALARY SPENT THE NEXT WEEK WORKING HIS WAY THROUGH THE BUREAUCRACY SEEKING AN EXPLANATION AND THE RETURN OF HIS PASS-
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PORT. HE FINALLY REACHED INTERIOR MINISTER JEANTY, WHO TOLD HIM THAT ONLY THE PRESIDENT COULD ORDER THE PASSPORT RETURNED. JEANTY IS A FRIEND OF MALARY'S, AS IS FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS, WHO WAS GREATLY EXERCISED BY THE STUPIDITY OF THE SITUATION.

E. MINISTER JEANTY DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE PRESIDENT

AND MALARY'S PASSPORT WAS RETURNED SEVERAL DAYS LATER,
ON AUGUST 13.

3. BACKGROUND:

MALARY LOST HIS JOBS AS LEGAL COUNSEL AT THE NATIONAL
BANK AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN SEPTEMBER 1976 IN
THE FALLOUT FROM THE FIRING AND EXILE OF FORMER REGIE
DU TABAC DIRECTOR, HENRI SICLAIT. MALARY WAS NOT ASSOCIATED
WITH SICLAIT BUT WAS CONSIDERED CONTAMINATED BECAUSE A
RELATIVE HAD A CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SICLAIT.
HE WAS BLACKLISTED FOR TRAVEL ABOUT A MONTH AFTERWARD, IN
OCTOBER 1976. MALARY, UNAWARE OF THE TRAVEL BAN, DID NOTHING
TO HAVE HIS NAME REMOVED FROM THE LIST UNTIL THE JULY 29
AFFAIR.

4. COMMENT:

MALARY'S EXPERIENCE WITH IMMIGRATION DEMONSTRATES THAT THE
HAITIAN SYSTEM CAN OCCASIONALLY BE MADE TO WORK. FACT
THE GOH AWARE THE EMBASSY KNEW ALL ABOUT MALARY'S PROBLEM
MAY HAVE HELPED.
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